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VILLAGES WITHOUT TELEPHONE FACILITY
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are number of villages in the country especially in the Saurashtra-Kutch region of Gujarat, are deprived of telephone facilities;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the number of villages proposed to be provided with the said facilities during next two years in the region, location-wise?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI JYOTIRADITYA M. SCINDIA)

(a) & (b) There are 5,93,601 inhabitated villages in the country as per Census 2001. out of this 5, 19, 616 villages have already been provided with telephone facility by Bharat Sanchar Nigam limited (BSNL). Out of the total 5,592 inhabited villages in Saurashtra-Kutch Region of Gujarat as per Census 2001, so far 5, 122 villages have been provided with village public Telephones (VPTs).

(c) A statement indicating the Secondary Switching Area-wise (SSA-wise) number of remaining 470 unconnected villages proposed to be provided with the VPTs during next two years in the region is given in Annexure.